

# The David Rockefeller Graduate Program

## The Rockefeller University

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE

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#### Requirements for Admission

The Rockefeller University is a competitive graduate institution. Students who enter the Ph.D. program must have received a degree of bachelor or master of arts or sciences, or doctor of medicine or equivalent international qualification. In demonstrating merit, applicants should be able to document a high level of achievement in the biological, chemical, mathematical or physical sciences. In addition to these qualifications, applicants will have the opportunity to describe their scientific interests and goals, as well as the unique perspectives they would bring to the Rockefeller community.

Applicants must be prepared to engage directly in graduate studies through advanced coursework and research activities. Students who are accepted will receive free tuition, a stipend (currently \$52,500), affordable housing on or near our attractive campus, health coverage and an allowance for research, books and meetings. Students are required to devote their full time to graduate work and may not undertake additional employment.

#### Application Procedure

The complete application should reach us by **December 1, 2024**.

**All documents listed below must be submitted to complete your application:**

- 1 — The completed **Online Application Form**, including a **Statement of Purpose** comprised of the following three components:
  - A) Describe your most meaningful research experience(s) to date. We are interested in what the big picture question was, how you designed experiments to answer it, and what your results told you about the scientific problem. Please include a brief discussion of what you would have done next if you were to continue working on this question.  
  
Applications are evaluated by faculty working in a wide range of fields, so be sure to focus on the high level scientific concepts and not only the specific techniques you used. (Limited to 750 words)
  - B) Indicate what scientific area(s) you would like to study in graduate school and how your interests would fit within the Rockefeller Ph.D. program and the research of the Rockefeller faculty. Please specify the Rockefeller faculty whose research is of interest to you. (Limited to 250 words)
  - C) The Rockefeller University's mission, "Science for the benefit of humanity," is central to our university culture and community. In keeping with this mission, we seek a student body that embodies the wide range of human experience. Describe how your background and experiences would contribute to the Rockefeller community, including any adversity you had to overcome in your academic pursuits. (Limited to 250 words)
- 2 — An **Official Transcript** from each college or university you attended and listed in the *Educational Information* section of your application. You must scan and upload a copy of each official transcript as part of the online application.
- 3 — **Recommendations** from three or four sponsors who can assess your potential for research.
- 4 — The **Application Fee** of \$50 is payable by check or credit card (preferred payment method).

General and Advanced Subject Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores and TOEFL scores **are not required for admission**. GRE and TOEFL scores are not requested on our application and will not be reviewed as part of the admissions process.

#### Review of Applications and Interviews

Applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee, representing the various areas of biological science. You will be notified about the status of your application as soon as possible, but no later than December 31st.

Selected candidates will be invited to interview with faculty February 20-21 and February 27-28, 2025 during on-campus Open House visits. Please try to keep these dates free until you hear from us.. Hotel accommodation will be provided, and expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount of \$600 for domestic and \$750 for international travel.

**Any application documents not submitted online should be mailed to:**

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The Rockefeller University  
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New York, NY 10065-6399